

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Platteau High School June 16

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Transmission lines on two sides of property

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-185-001 Land Values - As I understand it, a proposed route for the lines is to run the lines on our property line on the north side & the east side which would significantly diminish my property value. The line to the north would also run between our property & my in-laws property. We plan to own that property in the future. Because of the power lines these properties would be split.

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Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My farm is located in section 09 Twp-108 Range-013
1165 Acres SW 1/4 Sec 9 10813. I have a 1165 Acre farm and
my husband's parents' farm is located adjacent on the
north side. If the transmission lines ^{run} along the north
and east sides of our property line our property value
will be significantly reduced since we will have easements
along all four sides - the north + east by power lines
and south + west by roads. Thus reducing the actual size
of my farm. The transmission lines will separate my land and
my in-laws' land which will one day be mine.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Environmental aspect - My husband, sons + I enjoy
hunting (deer + pheasant) between my property + my
in-laws'

Air Safety - My neighbor 1/2 mile to the east flies
small airplanes + ultra gliders from his landing
strip.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I realize these lines are to be erected somewhere. However I heard different variations of what could happen. I heard something about ~~wind~~ ~~being~~ wind power harnessed south of us may make the power lines unneeded. I also heard lines running on the 'southern route' may not come to fruition because of the difficulty crossing the Mississippi Wildlife Refuge Area. Excuse my ignorance, but what is the difference between those animals & our animals? It was mentioned that the 'Alma' Route is preferable so ~~it~~ may be a line running along Elmsted Hwy Rd 11 north & connect with lines running east & west.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.